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SUBJECT: 20TH UNDP GC-PRELIMINARY DRAFT DECISION ON NEW DIMENSIONS

BEGIN SUMMARY: EXTENSIVE, INFORMAL NEGOTIATIONS ENDED EVENING OF JUNE 19 WITH USDEL RESERVING TOTAL POSITION ON SUBJECT DECISION UNTIL G-77 CONFIRMS IT WILL DROP PREAMBULAR SECTION. THE SUBSTANTIVE PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINE ARE QUOTED BELOW AS THE MORE CONTROVERSIAL PREAMBULAR PORTION USDEL INSISTING BE DROPPED. ADVICE REQUESTED ON SUBSTANTIVE PORTION AND WILL REQUEST ADVICE ON PAREMBULAR PARAGRAPHS ONLY REPEAT ONLY IF THEY REAPPEAR, WHICH WE DOUBT. END SUMMARY.

1. ENTIRE AFTERNOON JUNE 19 DEVOTED TO INFORMAL BUT INTENSE NEGOTIATING SESSION ON SUBJECT DECISION. STRONG TENDENCY AT 20 TH SESSION IS TO INTRODUCE GROUP POSITION AND INFORMAL SESSION PRESENTED WITH G-77 DRAFT, WHICH THOUGH IN THE FORM OF A RESOLUTION, WAS HEADED A DRAFT DECISION. HOWEVER, VARIOUS PARAGRAPHS WERE LIFTED FROM EARLIER DRAFTS INITIATED BY EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, NEW ZEALAND, FINLAND AND, BEGINNING YESTERDAY, THE U.S.

2. USDEL (KITCHEN) ESTABLISHED AT OUTSET THAT SUB-
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STANTIVE ISSUES AND GENERAL GUIDELINES SETTING FORTH

GENERAL NEW DIMENSIONS PRINCIPLES SHOULD BE CENTRAL ACCOMPLISHMENT OF 20TH SESSION. THEREFORE, FOLLOWING PORTION OF DRAFT DECISION GENERALLY AGREED UPON BY MEMBERS PRESENT REPRESENTING ALL SIGNIFICANT NATIONAL INTERESTS WITHIN GOVERNING COUNCIL:

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RECOGNIZING THE NEED TO INTRODUCE "NEW DIMENSION" IN THE PROGRAMME, IN ORDER TO ENABLE IT TO FULFILL MORE EFFECTIVELY ITS KEY ROLE IN THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM.

1. TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION OF THE DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED BY THE ADMINISTRATOR, PARTICULARLY DOCUMENT DP/114, CONSTITUTING THE REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR ON "NEW DIMENSIONS IN TECHNICAL COOPERATION."

2. REQUESTS THE ADMINISTRATOR-

(A) TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY MEASURES IN ORDER TO INTRODUCE MORE FLEXIBILITY IN THE PROGRAMME, TO ENHANCE ITS DYNAMISM AND EFFECTIVENESS AND MAKE UNDP'S SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES AND WORKING METHODS MORE RESPONSIVE TO THE CHANGING NEEDS AND PRIORITIES EMERGING FROM NEW ECONOMIC CONDITIONS,

(B) TO BASE THOSE MEASURES ON THE PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN DP/114, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE OBSERVATIONS MADE THEREON IN THE GOVERNING COUNCIL DURING IT TWENTIETH SESSION.

3. ADOPTS, IN PARTICULAR, THE FOLLOWING GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR THE FUTURE ORIENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME, AND REQUESTS THE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENSURE THAT THESE GUIDELINES ARE REFLECTED TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE IN THE EXECUTION OF THE PROGRAM.

(A) THE BASIC PURPOSE OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION SHOULD BE THE PROMOTION OF INCREASING SELF-RELIANCE IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, BY BUILDING UP, INTER ALIA, THEIR PRODUCTIVE CAPABILITY AND THEIR INDIGENOUS RESOURCES--BY INCREASING THE AVAILABILITY OF THE MANAGERIAL, TECHNICAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND RESEARCH CAPABILITIES REQUIRED IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS;

(B) THE SELECTION OF PRIORITY AREAS IN WHICH TO SEEK LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNDP ASSISTANCE SHOULD REMAIN THE EXCLUSIVE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE RECIPIENT COUNTRIES. IN THIS CONTEXT, UNDP SHOULD RESPOND FAVOURABLY TO REQUESTS FOR MEETING THE MOST URGENT AND CRITICAL NEEDS OF EACH DEVELOPING COUNTRY, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE IMPORTANCE OF REACHING THE POOREST AND MOST VULNERABLE SECTIONS OF THEIR SOCIETIES AND ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF THEIR LIFE;

(C) TECHNICAL COOPERATION SHOULD BE SEEN IN TERMS OF OUTPUT OR THE RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED, RATHER THAN IN TERMS OF INPUT;

(D) SO LONG AS PROJECTS ARE FOR THE BASIC PURPOSE OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION, UNDP SHOULD PROVIDE WHERE APPROPRIATE EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL RESOURCES, ADOPT A MORE LIBERAL POLICY TOWARDS LOCAL COST FINANCING AND BE FLEXIBLE IN REQUIREMENTS FOR COUNTERPART PERSONNEL;

(E) UNDP SHOULD DIVERSIFY THE SOURCE OF ITS SUPPLY FROM COUNTRIES, TO ENABLE IT TO MOBILIZE IN A PROMPT AND EFFICIENT MANNER ALL AVAILABLE HUMAN AND MATERIAL RESOURCES FOR TECHNICAL COOPERATION, INCLUDING PARTICULARLY THOSE FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

(F) UNDP SHOULD GIVE INCREASED SUPPORT TO PROGRAMMES OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND SHOULD PROCURE AS MUCH EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES AS POSSIBLE ON A PREFERENTIAL BASIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH UN PRACTICE FROM LOCAL SOURCES, OR FROM OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

(G) GOVERNMENTS AND INSTITUTIONS IN RECIPIENT COUNTRIES SHOULD BE INCREASINGLY ENTRUSTED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR EXECUTING UNDP-ASSISTED PROJECTS;

(H) TECHNICAL COOPERATION SHOULD BE PROVIDED AT ANY OF THE LEVELS AND STAGES OF THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS, INCLUDING ASSISTANCE FROM PROJECT PLANNING, PRE-FEASIBILITY, FEASIBILITY, DETAILED ENGINEERING DESIGN, AND, WHERE APPROPRIATE, CONSTRUCTION AND INITIAL OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT;

(I) IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 53 OF THE CONSENSUS, UNDP SHOULD MORE OFTEN ENTER INTO PARTNERSHIP WITH CAPITAL ASSISTANCE SOURCES, WITH A VIEW TO FINANCING THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COMPONENTS OF PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE CLOSE RELATION-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SHIP BETWEEN TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND CAPITAL INFORMATION.

(J) IN THE CONTEXT OF NEW DIMENSIONS OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION, SPECIAL ATTENTION SHOULD BE PAID TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED AMONG THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

4. DECIDES TO UNDERTAKE PERIODIC REVIEW OF PROGRESS IN THE APPLICATION OF THE ABOVE GUIDELINES, AS PART OF THE CONTINUING AND OVERALL EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY AND EFFICIENCY OF THE PROGRAMME.

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5. INVITES THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL TO BRING THIS DECISION, TOGETHER WITH DOCUMENT DP/114 AND THE RESPECTIVE PART OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL'S REPORT ON ITS TWENTIETH SESSION, TO THE ATTENTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS THE CONTRIBUTION OF UNDP TO THE PREPARATION FOR THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
END QUOTE.

4. USDEL BELIEVES ABOVE DRAFT DECISION REPRESENTS BEST POSSIBLE COMPROMISE ACHIEVABLE. SHOULD DEPARTMENT FEEL OTHERWISE, PLEASE ADVISE WITH SPECIFICS.

5. G-77 WOULD ALSO LIKE TO INCLUDE PREAMBLE SECTION. USDEL AT END OF THREE HOUR NEGOTIATING SESSION INDICATED THAT THIS UNDP DECISION SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO DEAL WITH VOLATILE POLITICAL ELEMENTS BETTER LEFT TO THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION PREPARATORY NEGOTIATIONS IN ECOSOC IN JULY. THOUGH G-77 REPS TACITLY SUPPORTED BY THE NETHERLANDS, SWEDEN AND NEW ZEALAND, FELT PREAMBLE SECTION DESIRABLE, IT IS OUR JUDGEMENT THAT PREAMBLE SECTION WITH BE DELETED BY G-77 GROUP MEETING MORNING OF JUNE 20. INTER ALIA, U.S. MADE IT UNEQUIVOCALLY CLEAR THAT IT IS RESERVING ITS ENTIRE POSITION ON DRAFT DECISION UNTIL IT IS CONFIRMED THAT PREAMBLE SECTION DELETED.
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FRG, UK AND CANADA OFFERED US MODERATE TO STRONG
SUPPORT DURING THESE NEGOTIATIONS. SHOULD THE G-77
INSIST UPON SOME PORTION OF PREAMBLE SECTION, WE QUOTE
ENTIRE PREAMBLE BELOW: BEGIN QUOTE

THE GOVERNING COUNCIL,
BEARING IN MIND GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3201 (S-VI)
AND 3202 (S-VI) CONTAINING THE DECLARATION AND PROGRAMME
OF ACTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC ORDER,
RECALLING THE CHARTER OF ECONOMICS RIGHTS AND DUTIES
OF STATES ADOPTED BY THE TWENTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE
UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
RECALLING THE CONSENSUS OF 1970 WHICH CONTINUES TO
PROVIDE THE COMPREHENSIVE FRAMEWORK FOR UNDP'S ACTIVITIES,
RECALLING ALSO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3251
(XXIX), WHICH ENDORSED THE REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP
ON TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,
CONSCIOUS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF UNDP'S CONTRIBUTION
TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC
ORDER, (INITIAL CAPS NIEO)
HAVING CONSIDERED THE FUTURE ROLE OF UNDP IN WORLD
DEVELOPMENT IN THE CONTEXT OF THE PREPARATION FOR THE
SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT,
FURTHER RECALLING THE COLUNTARY AND UNIVERSAL
CHARACTER OF THE PROGRAMME, END QUOTE.

6. G-77 MAY OFFER DELETE PREAMBULAR PARA 1, 2, WHILE
RETAINING REFERENCE TO NIEO IN PARA 5. WHILE
WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO AMEND THAT PARA TO SMALL CASE, WE BELIEVE
IT DESIRABLE TO MAKE MAXIMUM EFFORT DEPOLITICIZE DECISION/
RESOLUTION. THIS NEGOTIATING TACTIC COULD PROVE USEFUL AS
WE MOVE TOWARD 7TH SPECIAL SESSION. DALE

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